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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: SOVIET PROTOCOL TEXT
ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 120

1. SOVIET SIDE, MARCH 11, HANDED OVER PROPOSED TEXT OF SINGLE
PROTOCOL. FULL TEXT WILL BE TRANSMITTED AFTER INITIAL
DISCUSSIONS TO DEAL WITH OBVIOUS DISCREPANCIES.

2. MAJOR FEATURES OF TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

3. ARTICLE K -- MINIMUM DEPTH LIMITATION.

4. ARTICLE II -- INFORMATION EXCHANGES.

5. ARTICLE III -- OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS.

6. ARTICLE IV -- OBSERVER EQUIPMENT.

7. ARTICLE V -- OBSERVER ACCESS (AREAS, LOCATIONS AND
TIMES; NUMBERS OF OBSERVERS; SUPPORT; EXPENSES).

8. ARTICLE VI -- SLIFER CONDITIONS.

9. ARTICLES VII, VIII AND IX -- "LEGAL" ARTICLES.

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QPM ARTICLE X -- JCC FUNCTION.

11. ARTICLE II PART 4 INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

BEGIN TEXT.

(C) A TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN OF THE AREA SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1(B)(I) OF ARTICLE V OF THIS PROTOCOL, AT A SCALE OF 1:24,000 OR 1:25,000 WITH A CONTOUR INTERVAL OF TEN METERS OR LESS.

END TEXT.

12. ARTICLE IV CONTAINS FOLLOWING SOVIET VERSION OF PARA ON "OTHER EQUIPMENT":

BEGIN TEXT.

2. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS:

A) TO POSSESS, MOVE, USE AND RECOVER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR YIELD DETERMINATION AND PORTABLE SEISMIC SYSTEMS;

B) TO RECEIVE FOR THEIR USE FROM THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION DURING THEIR STAY AT THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT: FIELD GLASSES AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR SURVEYING, GEO-LOGIST'S FIELD EQUIPMENT, PORTABLE SHORT-RANGE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

END TEXT.

13. ARTICLE IV PARA 4 (MAIN EQUIPMENT PARA) IS THOROUGHLY OPAQUE ON MATTER OF POST-SHOT EQUIPMENT RETENTION. WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION.

14. ARTICLE V SHOWS SOVIET BRACKETS ON WORD "ANYWHERE" IN BASIS ACCESS PARA.

15. TIMES OF ALLOWED OBSERVER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE ARE NOT FAR APART.

16. SOVIET LANGUAGE ON NUMBER OF OBSERVERS IS SAME AS IN EARLIER DRAFTS (MAXIMUM OF 5), BUT TIMERBAEV IS DRAFTING "MORE REALISTIC" TEXT WITH NUMBERS GRADED PER OBSERVER ACTIVITIES IN EACH CASE.

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QUM ARTICLE V INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

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8. ALL THE EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH THE STAY OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IN THE TERRITORY OF THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION SHALL BE PAID BY THE OTHER PARTY.

END TEXT.

18. ARTICLE VI INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

BEGIN TEXT.

9. IN CASE OF CARRYING OUT INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS WITH THE YIELD EXCEEDING 150 KILOTONS SPECIAL WAYS AND TECHNICAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION MAY BE USED BASED ON SEISMIC, RADIO-CHEMICAL OR OTHER METHODS OF MEASUREMENT AND AGREED WITH THE OTHER PARTY. TECHNICAL METHODS OF MEASUREMENT, CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION, WAYS OF INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR MEASURING EXPLOSIONS OF SUCH A YIELD SHALL BE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES. AN EXPLOSION WHICH CALLS FOR ORGANIZING CERTAIN MEASUREMENTS MAY NOT BE CARRIED OUT EARLIER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE INDICATED TECHNICAL MEANS OF MEASUREMENT, CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION, WAYS OF INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON.

END TEXT.

19. TEXT OF ARTICLE X AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

ARTICLE X

THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION SHALL WORK OUT PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH THE PARTIES WILL, AS NECESSARY, CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFECTING THE METHODS OF SECURING THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROTOCOL.

END TEXT.

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